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1. Air Force

located two kilometers east of Ljubljana on the north side of the Ljubljana-Zagreb railroad line. The field from northwest to southeast is approximately 1,200 meters long, and could easily be enlarged to the west. The average width of the airfield is 500 meters. The field has a capacity of 150 fighter planes, but thus far not more than 70 planes have been stationed on it at one time. Surface of the field is covered with grass and the ground is very hard, with a layer of only 30 cm. of earth on a solid conglomerate. The field is surrounded by a barbed wire fence, two meters high. The main guarded entrance is in the northwest corner of the field, and there is a guarded entrance in the south.

2. Airfield altitude:

207 meters above sea level.

4. Aircraft

As of February 1948, 15 captured German training planes, six of which were Fieseler-Storch's, were parked in hangar 315; ten captured German Messerschmitts, type 109, were parked in hangar 316; 20 Russian one-engine

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fighter planes (type unspecified) were parked in hangar 317; and three Russian three-engine passenger or transport planes (type unspecified) and two U.S. four-engine bombers (type unspecified) were parked in hangar 408.

In one of the hangars were ten Fiesler-Storch's and four JU-88's.

No Soviet airforce personnel or instructors were attached to this airfield as of February 1948.

5. Guard and AA Defense:

Two MG companies equipped with 18 double-barreled Zbrojevka (Czech) machine guns are attached and placed in unspecified locations on the airfield. There are two AA batteries, one located along the Ljubljana-Kamnik railroad line, close to the village of Jerica, and the second on Golovec Hill at a site known as Crni-Brid.

6. Operations Tower, Reflectors and Sirens:

The airfield has a mobile captured German radio goniometer. There is a siren installed on top of each of the two barracks, and two reflectors on the hangar roof. The airfield receives its electrical power from the Slovene State power line.

7. Hangar:

The Ljubljana airfield has only one large hangar which was rebuilt by the Italian forces in 1942 after it had been destroyed by the retreating Yugoslavs in 1941. The hangar is approximately 250 x 60 meters and is divided into eight sections. Each section has its own entrance which faces south. Two of the sections are shops for minor aircraft repairs, and another section is used as a depot for spare parts and tools.

8. POL Dump:

An unspecified amount of 50-gallon drums are located in the tool and aircraft spare parts depot, while the airfield POL dump is located in the nearby woods about 200 yards north of the hangar.

9. Barracks:

Two barracks located on the airfield are one-story brick and wooden buildings. They house approximately 150 personnel each, including pilots and mechanics, as well as the office of the airfield commander. Personnel of the two MG companies who are in charge of guarding the airfield, are billeted about 500 yards northeast of the hangar in three small barracks.

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